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PENSIONS.

Mr. Lockhart Thinks There will Be
No Increase for Three Years.

TROUBLE BETWEEN FOES.

Eugene V. Debs and John M. Egan, leaders
of the Two Sides in the Great Rail-
road Strike, Appear at
Seattle, Wash.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Commis-
sioner of Pensions Lawrence estimates
that there will not be any decrease in
the appropriations for pension during
the next three years. The amount
appropriated for the fiscal year 1895
is round numbers is \$140,000,000,
while for the present year the amount
was \$160,000,000. The reason for
the absence of any perceptible de-
crease is the falling off, owing to
death and other causes, is about
counter balanced by the first pay-
ments in pensions allowed. As cases
are allowed from time to time, there are
large first payments, sometimes for arrears,
and always dated from the time the
application was filed. The decrease
in some classes of claims are quite
great, as in the pensions for the war
of 1812, which have decreased about
50 per cent. in the past year. After
three years, when it is expected the
majority of the claims will be ad-
justed, and there will be few re-
maining first payments, Commissioner
or Lawrence expects there will be
a rapid falling off of pensions, as
the veterans have now reached the age
when it is to be expected.

TROUBLE BETWEEN TWO FOES.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 25.—The
simultaneous appearance in this city
of E. V. Debs, of the American Rail-
way union, and John M. Egan, ex-
president of the General Managers'
association, which conducted the
great railroad strike last summer, has
resulted in trouble. In an interview
Egan spoke severely of Debs, charg-
ing him with the responsibility for the
loss of employment by hundreds of
competent men. He reflected severely
upon the strike methods. After
reading this interview Mr. Debs
addressed a mass meeting in Seattle,
at which he scored Egan in a most
savagely manner, openly accusing him
of dishonesty. He asserted that
Egan would never meet in private or
public and discuss "who were the
conspirators," for he (Egan) knew
who they were and what would be the
result. The prospects promise a
savage controversy between the two.

A TRIPLE KILLING.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 27.—A
quarrel between two brothers on one
side and a neighbor on the other re-
sulted in the death of all three near
Toombs, Miss., just over the Ala-
bama line, yesterday afternoon. The
quarrel began over the possession of
a fence. The brothers were Ben and
Allen Fringle, and their opponent
was J. L. Brittain. During the quar-
rel Brittain mocked the fence, when
he noticed the brothers drawing
their pistols. He had his weapon out
quickly and the shooting began al-
most simultaneously. Ben Fringle
was killed almost instantly, and his
brother was shot in the neck, dying
in a few moments. Brittain was shot
in the abdomen and lived a few hours.

TIRED OF DODGING UNCLE SAM.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—Dep-
uty United States Marshal Sam Shel-
by arrested E. A. Evert last night on
the charge of embezzling money be-
longing to the post office department
of the United States. In July, 1894,
Evert was postmaster of Concord,
Neb., and during his term of office
appropriated to his own use \$468 of
the government's money, as the
inspection of his accounts upon his
resignation proved. Evert fled and
was indicted by the federal grand
jury at Omaha last November.
Evert was lodged in jail all night
and arraigned before Commissioner
Nichols this morning. He pleaded
guilty. He will be taken to Omaha
one day this week to have sentence
passed upon him by the judge of the
United States district court in session
there. Evert said he was tired of
dodging the law and thought it best
to plead guilty and have an end of it.

DEFENDING THE DOCTORS.

J. V. EVERETT, M. D.

Although I am not a farmer or
ranchman, I have been a subscriber of
your paper five or six years and find
much in it to interest and instruct me.
But I have not in all my reading,
found anything that surprised me
more, or that I thought was more un-
called for, unjust, or untrue, than your
editorial in the issue of March 23, en-
titled, "This Concerns Everybody."
If something of the kind had been
published in some of the unreliable
patriot medicine sheets I should not
have been surprised or felt called up-
on to refer to it.
But when it comes to a paper like
THE FARM AND RANCH—a paper of
which the State of Texas might well
be proud—a paper which is generally
so fair to all interests, I cannot help
but feel surprised and call for space
to refer to it.

Another reason for a reply is the
fact that you say it is not an inap-
propriate physician, quack and frauds
that you allude to, but the "experi-
enced and reputable physicians only." I
say that no one but a fraud would be
guilty of the charges of your indict-
ment. Just as well say that a thief
is an honest man.

As to the quotations from Dr. Oliver
W. Holmes, it ought to be known
to every one who attempts to use any
thing he has said, that he was a great
literary light in the profession, having
devoted more time to literature than
to medicine, and his knowledge of
medicine was more theoretical than
practical. Besides, the facts in the
case do not bear out his assertion.

Your next two assertions are
equally untrue, namely: "That more
sick people, taken as they come, will
get well without medical treatment
than with it," and "that more cases
recovered when treated by the home-
opathic than by the regular system." I
will not deny that you may have
seen some so-called hospital report
that might seem to justify these as-
sertions, for I would hate to think that
you would pen such stuff, without
some sort of report to back you. But
I do assert more emphatically, that the
reports from the best and largest hos-
pitals of the world show the contrary is
true. I assert furthermore, that the
longevity of man has been increased
several years, by reason of the improv-
ed methods of treatment in the last
quarter century or more. Homeopathy
is indeed a blind man ought to see
that if after a continued and exhaust-
ive hospital test it was found that
more people recovered under the
homeopathic than under the regular
system, it would be a death knell to
the regular practitioner. Think you
that the United States government
would maintain the regular system in
the army and navy, if such were the
case? The fact that the ratio be-
tween the regular and homeopathic
practitioners, the world over is some-
where forty to fifty to one (do not know
the exact ratio, but know it is very great),
ought to satisfy any one as to the best
system.

While it is impossible to get at the
exact per cent of recovery, from my
experience and that of others whom I
have heard express themselves, I
would say that about seventy-five per
cent of the people who get sick would get
well without any treatment, ten per cent
would get well under ordinary
treatment, which includes homeopathy,
and ten per cent more under good
scientific treatment, which leaves five
per cent to die under any treatment.

Now when a physician is sent for to
one of the number who does not need
medicine, of course he must give him
something, because nothing else will
cure the patient, but it will be some-
thing that will do no harm, and not,
as you assert, "something to make
him worse, and probably cause his
death." And in this he is doing ex-
actly right, because the patient will
have nothing else, and it would be
useless to argue the case with him.
If you think otherwise just study medi-
cine and start out on your theory and
you will find it will not be long be-
fore you would have no patient to
argue with. Many people's diseases
are "in their minds" anyway, and this
plan satisfies their mind, and cures
the patient.

Again, I deny that our best phys-

icians prescribe dangerous drugs to
patients in full doses, without regard
to the idiosyncrasy of the patient," as you
say, and without first trying it in
minimum doses, and watching its ef-
fect.

Neither do they "experiment with
new remedies at the imminent risk of
the patient's life." Nor will they "re-
fuse to prescribe remedies which they
know to be best for the patient," be-
cause of strictures of any "foolish
code." A regular, reputable physi-
cian will prescribe anything he knows
to be good for his patient, regardless
of where it comes from or who makes
it. I admit that he will refuse to
prescribe a patent medicine simply be-
cause he does not know what it con-
tains. If the proprietors would pub-
lish the contents of their medicines I
would not hesitate to use them if I
thought that they were what my pa-
tient needed. I could give many in-
stances illustrating the wisdom of the
physicians in this matter, but space
forbids, and besides, it would open
up a discussion of the whole patent
medicine business, which I think is
about the greatest fraud of the nine-
teenth century, except the United
States pension system, which is par
excellence, the fraud of the century.

Your last charge is the worst of all.
No reputable druggist will refuse to
show a prescription to a patient who
might ask it, and no reputable physi-
cian would wish him to do so.

Now I repeat, as you say, to
"reputable" physicians and druggists,
and not to "frauds," there are plenty
of frauds in both professions, who
might be guilty of all the charges in
your indictment, but of these we are
not speaking. Webster says, "reput-
able" is synonymous with "honorable,"
and our difference may be stated to
be about this: I say a man guilty of
the charges in your indictment is a
"fraud," you say he is a "reputable,"
(honorable) man. Let your readers
decide who is correct.

I have only casually noticed most
of your charges, but am afraid I have
taken too much space already. But I
could not help writing thus, being sat-
isfied that, after having your atten-
tion called to the very great injustice
done to a large and honorable class
of your fellow citizens, you would
gladly make the "amende honor-
able."

In conclusion I call on you for the
proof. Bring out those hospital re-
ports and any other evidence you
may have bearing on the subject.
Very respectfully,
Weatherford Texas.

DEMANDED HIS RECALL.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It was re-
ported here yesterday afternoon that
Secretary Gresham had demanded the
recall of Hawaiian Minister Thurston
on the ground that he was persona
non grata. When Secretary Gresham's
attention was called to it he re-
fused to say one word of confirma-
tion or denial, and other officials
of the department allege ignorance. Min-
ister Thurston also positively de-
clined to discuss the report. He said that
it was of such a character that he would
maintain silence. He did not want
this taken as an intimation of affirma-
tion or denial.

TORTURED IN VAIN.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., March.—Five
masked robbers entered the house of
John McMillan, near Watt's Mills,
bound and gagged the hired man and
three women, and waited nearly two
hours for the return of McMillan.
When he did come he was bound to a
board and placed head downward
against the wall, while the robbers
threatened him with instant death un-
less he divulged the hiding place of
his money. He had deposited \$1,000
in a bank yesterday, and had no mon-
ey. After burning his feet with hot
coals and whipping him unmercifully,
the ruffians finally left.

AN OHIO POSTMASTER AS A THIEF.

CINCINNATI, March 26.—Edward
Mardersmith, postmaster at Spring-
dale, near this city, was arrested to-
day for pilfering letters. The postal
inspectors produced sixty letters that
had been tampered with. As the fed-
eral grand jury is in session, the case
will be taken up at once.

AGIN DE TROOPS.

The Wallace-Clasman, feud came
near reaching a climax yesterday
afternoon, says the Oklahoma Star.
It will be remembered that a few
months ago Wallace and Clasman at-
tempted to shoot each other full of
holes in a Santa Fe passenger coach.
Just why these gentlemen should al-
ways select a moving passenger train
as a meeting ground is not known,
but a few minutes after the train left,
Edmond yesterday afternoon Clasman,
with his brother in law, entered the
car in which Wallace was riding, and
as the trio walked down the aisle to-
ward where Wallace sat, the latter
evidently thinking they were coming
after him to give him a repetition of
the former scrape, drew his gun on
them, and aiming it at Clasman, or-
dered them to move on past him or go
back. Deputy Marshal Hopkins just
at this moment entered the car and
succeeded in disarming Wallace.
Hopkins says that Wallace remarked
as he drew his gun on Clasman, "you
shoot me once but won't get a chance
to do it again." After Wallace had
been disarmed Hopkins says that
Clasman attempted to shoot Wallace,
but the deputy threw a gun under
his face and succeeded in disarming
him. The marshal after searching
both of the men for more guns put
them in a car under guard until ar-
riving at this city, where he turned
them over to Chief of Police Jones,
who placed them in the jail.

WILL BRING SUIT.

District Attorney Brooks went to
Oklahoma City this afternoon to pre-
pare an injunction suit against the
Choctaw road. The suit is for the
purpose of preventing the road from
building through the Kickapoo coun-
try. He brings the suit under the
instruction of the interior depart-
ment.

The stockholders east are consid-
erably worried about the matter, and
a Washington dispatch gives it out
that they will be on the ground in a
few days. It says:

"Mr. Kerr, clerk of the late house,
will leave for Oklahoma in a few
days. He had expected to be there
before this time, but he has been de-
layed by some complications in Penn-
sylvania politics. Mr. Kerr was a
member of the house from Pennsyl-
vania, and as clerk he became inter-
ested in many matters, among them
being the Choctaw railroad, in the
Indian and Oklahoma country. He
did all he could to fight the secretary
of the interior and the attorney gen-
eral in the war they are making
against the Choctaw company in the
Potawatomi country right of way
matter. Now, since it happens that
litigation is being indulged in, and
that the company is becoming involv-
ed in trouble, he wants to take a
birdseye view of the situation person-
ally. It is also expected that Presi-
dent Grover of the company, who
lives in Philadelphia, will soon leave
for the scene of the right of way
trouble."

A GEORGIA CYCLONE.

Augusta, Ga., March 25.—At 9
o'clock this morning a tornado visited
this city. The first stroke was hur-
led across the McKinzie street and
thrown against the house on the op-
posite side. Its sole occupant, a color-
ed woman, was badly hurt. Nothing
but the floor of the house was left.
In the next house demolished a negro
woman and five children were buried
under the wreck. But after an hour's
hard work were extricated alive,
though some of them were badly
bruised.

In the central southern portion of
the city a dozen houses were wreck-
ed and all along the path of the
storm trees, fences and outbuildings
were leveled. A small house was
hurled through the roof and into
one of the big rooms of the Miller
flower mill. The Central railroad
and roadhouse and paint shops were
badly damaged and one engine
demolished under the debris. It is ex-
traordinary that no lives were lost
and that a few people were hurt. The
entire police and fire forces, reinforced
by a large number of citizens, ap-
pear at work on the ruined houses and
those who are hurt are being cared
for by the people.

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